

2 Days Tour in Hangzhou City and Wuzhen Town

(May 28-29, 2005)

- **PROGRAMME:**

Day 1: Take bus to Hangzhou in the morning. Visit the Temple of Inspired Seclusion, West lake, Hupao Spring and the tea plantation (Lunch and dinner are included).

Day 2: Visit Six Harmony Pagoda in the morning and visit the water-town Wuzhen on your way back to Shanghai (Breakfast is included in the room rate, lunch and dinner are included).

- **TOUR COST**

1) 6—9 persons: \$163/ person

Accommodation cost (twin beds): \$86/room

2) 10 persons or up: \$105/person

Accommodation cost (twin beds): \$70/room

- **ACCOMODATION:**

Ramada Plaza Haihua Hotel Hangzhou



Opened in 1997 and refurbished in 2004, the four-star-hotel is perfectly located in Qingchun Road, the commercial centre of Hangzhou City. The hotel has 247 rooms and suites in different styles. From some of the rooms, there are great views over the beautiful West Lake. The Business Centre provides full secretarial facilities. The recreation facilities include saunas and spas, an indoor swimming pool, disco/night club, beauty salon, and a billiard room. Chinese and western restaurants offer delicious food.

- **INTRODUCTION TO HANGZHOU CITY & WUZHEN TOWN**

Hangzhou City

Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang province with the sub-provincial administrative level, is the center of provincial politics, economy, culture, science and education. It covers an area of 16.6 thousand km² with a population of 6.21 million. The economic development level of Hangzhou is very high, its economic strength is continuously ranked second among all provincial capitals and its economic general strength is listed in the top ten among all the big-middle cities in China. Hangzhou is not only one of the safest tourist-city,

but also one of the best cities of internal security. Hangzhou locates close to China east coast, in the lower reaches of the Qiantang River and at the southern end of the Grand Canal (Beijing - Hangzhou). The distance between Hangzhou and Shanghai is 200 kilometers, which is connected by the railway and highway. It only takes less than 2 hours to reach Shanghai; the trip is quite comfortable and efficient. The city tree is Camphor Tree and the city flower is Osmanthus.

Lingyin Temple

Located at the foot of the Lingyin Hill northwest of the city, Temple of Inspired Seclusion (Lingyin Temple) was built in the Eastern Jin dynasty (317-420). The 33.6-metre-high main hall (Sakyamuni Hall) is a masterpiece of ancient buildings with one story and doubled eaves. The two nine-storied octagonal pagodas in front of the main hall and the two stone towers containing the



Buddhist sutras in front of the Lokapala Hall were all built in the Five dynasties (907-960). In the caves on the Feilai Hill, there are some 300 Buddhist stone carvings dating back to the Five dynasties, the Song dynasty (960-1279) and the Yuan dynasty (1271-1368). The elegant stone carvings are of high artistic value.

West Lake

Lying on the west edge of Hangzhou city, the beautiful West Lake covers a total area of 6 square kilometers with an average depth of 1.5 meters. It is divided into 5 sections, namely the Outer Lake, North Inner Lake, Yuehu Lake, West Inner Lake and Lesser South Lake. In ancient times, this place had been a shallow sea gulf before it evolved into a "residual" lake, a term used in geography. Embraced by mountainous hills on three sides, the Lake contains glittering blue water with Baidi and Sudi Causeways lying calmly in it. Three islets of Lesser



Yingzhou, Mid-Lake Pavilion and Ruangong Dun tripartitely stand at the centre of the lake which is girdled by a number of parks with myriad blossoming flowers and dense trees to hide in vain picturesque pavilions and towers. Here, one's poetic sentiments are inspired. The surrounding hills home miraculously shaped peaks and serene forests and springs, providing scenes to supplement those of the Lake. There hide amidst these hills China's national art treasures as ancient engraved stone tablets, architecture and stone figure carvings.



The beauty of the West Lake lies in a lingering charm that survives the change of seasons in a year, of hours in a day, and of different weathers. Ancient people praised the Lake as a "home of hundreds of tourist sites where you get intoxicated all the time". To demonstrate its beauty, the Lake offers 10 most famous scenes as Spring Dawn at Sudi Causeway, Melting Snow at Broken Bridge, Sunset Glow over

Leifeng Hill, Lotus in the Breeze at Crooked Courtyard, Autumn Moon on Calm Lake, Listening to Orioles Singing in the Willows, Viewing Fish at Flowers Harbour, Evening Bell at Nanping Hill, Three Pools Mirroring the Moon, Twin Peaks Piercing the Clouds. No wonder the Song Dynasty poet Su Shi compared the Lake to Xizi, a Chinese Cleopatra: "Ripping water shimmering on sunny day; Misty mountains wonder in the rain; Plain or gaily decked out like Xizi; the West Lake is always alluring". So the Lake is also known as Xizi Lake.

Liuhe Pagoda (Six Harmonies Pagoda)

The famous pagoda is located on the Qiantang River and was originally built in the Northern Song Dynasty (960-1127). The 59.89-metre-tall seven-story pagoda, having a 13-story appearance, is uniquely constructed of a combination of brick



and wood, with eaves that become progressively narrower towards the top. The pagoda commands an excellent view of the Qiantang River. Six Harmonies Pagoda named after the six codes of Buddhism. The pagoda also served as a lighthouse, and was supposed to have magical power to halt the tidal bore which thundered up the Qiantang River in mid-September every year.

Tiger spring

Situated at the foot of Daci Hill southwest to the West Lake, Tiger spring ranks the third best in China. "Dragon Well Tea" and "Tiger Spring water" are rated as two uniqueness of the West Lake. According to the experts, the mineralization of the spring water is as low as 0.02 – 0.15 gram in every liter because the water is seeping through quartzite contains little dissolved matters. Therefore, its water is pure and clear. Tests show that the water is contributive to people's health.

This attraction is featuring the springs. Along the foot of the hill, there is a streamlet meandering. It is a pleasant experience to listen the spring there. Walking along the path, you will see a tiger status at the foot of the Luxuriant

Green Cliff. From the left side of the cliff is the source of the spring. This place gives you a very happiness to watch the spring. Then, you can have a seat in a tea house near the cliff to enjoy a cup of Dragon Well green tea brewed in Tiger Spring water. You will find the spring water can bring out the best in each. It is called "spring taste".

Dragon Well Tea Plantation

Dragon Well Tea is well known worldwide, the water of dragon well is sweet and nice. The green tea here enjoys very high reputation since Ming Dynasty (1368-1644 A.D) for its four special features: green color, fragrant aroma, sweet taste and smooth even appearance.



Wuzhen Town

WUZHEN, a town with a history of 1200 years, is just 50 minutes' drive from Hangzhou City. This small town, with its black tiled, tung oil-painted timber framework houses, that contrast sharply with its white walls and gray flagging, brings to mind a Chinese ink and wash painting. The river running through the town was once the main means of transportation for local people, but these days is little used, other than for festive celebrations, when bulk cargo is shipped in. The window sills of the houses on the banks of the river are further extended with boards, on which flowers, plants and bonsai bloom in the warm sunshine, adding a touch of life and color to this tranquil, old style town.

